REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the present amendment, Claims 20-55 are pending. Claims 20-55 are newly added.

Support for independent Claims 20, 43 and 46 is found, for example, in Examples 3a and 3b on pages 9 to 12. In particular, Examples 3a and 3b disclose topical mousse compositions prepared according to Example 1 (e.g., containing an occlusive agent, an aqueous solvent, and an organic co-solvent), but without a pharmaceutically active ingredient.

Claim 20 finds further support in originally filed Claim 1.

Claims 21 and 51 find support in originally filed Claim 6.

Claim 22 finds support on page 3, lines 26-28.

Claim 23 finds support in originally filed Claim 5.

Claim 24 finds support in originally filed Claim 7.

Claim 25 finds support in originally filed Claim 8.

Claims 26, 46 and 52 find support in originally filed Claim 9.

Claims 27 and 28 find support in originally filed Claim 12, and on page 5, lines 18-21 of the specification.

Claim 29 finds support in originally filed Claim 10.

Claim 30 finds support on page 4, lines 21-24.

Claim 31 finds support on page 4, lines 13-15.

Claim 32 finds support in originally filed Claim 13.

Claim 33 finds support in originally filed Claim 14.

Claim 34 finds support on page 6, lines 1-2.

Claim 35 finds support in originally filed Claim 15.

Claim 36 finds support on page 5, line 28.

Claim 37 finds support in originally filed Claim 16.

Claim 38 finds support in originally filed Claim 17.

Claims 39, 47 and 53 find support on page 2, line 24.

Claims 40, 41, 48, 49, 54, and 55 find support on page 2, bottom paragraph.

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Claim 42 finds support on page 2, lines 15-16.

Claim 43 finds support in originally filed Claim 4.

Claim 44 finds support on page 3, lines 6-9.

Claim 45 finds further support in originally filed Claims 1 and 8, and on page 3, line 29 through page 4, line 1.

Claim 50 finds further support in originally filed Claim 18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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